

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	Geoffrey Huang, et al	)	Confirmation No.:	7960
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Serial No.:	10/625,445	)	Examiner:	Samson B. Lemma
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Filing Date:	July 22, 2003	)	Art Unit:	2132

For: Method and Apparatus for Electing a Leader Node in a Computer Network

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2007, the shortened statutory period for which runs until November 7, 2007, please reconsider the subject application in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 17.